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SCENE ON PORTAGE CREEK.



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MICHIGAN FEMALE COLLEGE.



SCENE ON WEST SOUTH STREET.



VINE STREET SCHOOL.



BORGESS HOSPITAL.



ON THE RIVER.

maintained by private funds, but it is lawful, peaceful and well ordered to suit its patrons, and is one of the educational institutions of the city.

KALAMAZOO CHURCHES.

The original population of Kalamazoo was a moral and religious one, mostly from the East, and largely infused with the Puritan element. It was natural, therefore, that it should plant churches as soon as the family homes and altars should be erected. This it did, and the first churches of the leading orthodox denominations of the city are coeval with its own existence and have flourished during its whole history. Others, the outgrowth of the first, or of newer faiths, have been added since and Kalamazoo has now twenty-two churches, with an aggregate seating capacity of over 13,000 and a total valuation of more than half a million dollars. This is a splendid showing for a city of this size and a record, it is believed, which is scarcely exceeded by any city in the land.

The oldest of these churches in point of organization and one of the largest and richest at the present day is the Presbyterian, with a membership of over 700 and 1,500 parishioners, a new, ample and imposing church edifice, with a seating capacity of 1,400 and a total valuation of \$68,500. The North Presbyterian, a flourishing suburban church, is an outgrowth of this society.

The Congregational Church, originally a part of the Presbyterian, is one of the oldest and most prosperous churches in the city, having a membership of over 500 and a regular attendance of more than twice that number, with a large and ample new church building, with a seating capacity of 1,800 and a total valuation of \$67,000.

The First Methodist Episcopal is one of the great religious forces of the city, and worthy of the powerful religious organization to which it belongs. Its membership is over 900, its parishioners number more than 2,500, its seating capacity is over 2,100, and its valuation, \$69,000. With the energy and capacity for organization for which this great religious body is distinguished, the parent church has spread itself out into four other prosperous and growing church organizations in different parts of the city.

It is natural that the old and powerful church which stands next in numbers and influence to the Methodist throughout the country, should be represented in a place like Kalamazoo with a grand church edifice and a flourishing and numerous church society. St. Augustine—Roman Catholic—is one of the largest and most imposing churches in the city, and the church communicants number 2,000, with 3,000 parishioners and a total valuation of church property of \$100,000.

Among the very earliest churches organized in Kalamazoo was the Episcopal, which has ever maintained a leading place and influence in its history. It occupies a fine and ample church building, erected in recent years, with parsonage and parish house, has a church membership of about 500 and a parish numbering about 1,500, with church property of the value of about \$75,000.

Last, but not least, among the original church organizations of Kalamazoo, the Baptist has ever been one of the leading and most influential. A part of this influence has come from its connection with the college of the same denomination. Its present membership is over 1,000,